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SUBJ: UNSC DEBATE ON BENIN COMPLAINT

REF: A. USUN 1058, B. STATE 080389

1. SC MISSION TO BENIN MEMBERS PANAMA, INDIA, AND LIBYA

LABORED OVER EASTER WEEKEND TO PRODUCE WORKING PAPER ON

BENIN RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO AFRICAN

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GROUP. WORKING PAPER CONCENTRATES ON CONDEMNATION OF

MERCENARIES AND STATES WHICH HARBOR OR ENCOURAGE THEM,

BUT AVOIDS DIRECT OR INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THOSE WHO MIGHT

HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN RAID ON COTONOU. IT ALSO "APPEALS"

TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO BENIN.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOCAL BENIN MISOFFS BELIEVE THIS MORNING

PAPER IS VERY WEAK, BUT REALIZE THAT IT MAY BE AS MUCH

AS THEY CAN REALISTICALLY OBTAIN AND WILL TRY TO SELL IT ON THAT BASIS TO COTONOU. IF BENIN ACCEPTS THE DRAFT, THEN IT WILL GO TO THE AFRICAN GROUP MEMBERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

2. TEXT OF WORKING PAPER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MISSION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN ESTABLISHED UNDER RESOLUTION 404 (1977) (S/12294 AND ADD.1),

BEGIN BRACKETS HAVING HEARD THE FURTHER STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, END BRACKETS

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE OF BENIN,

DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE LOSS OF LIFE AND SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE INVADING FORCE DURING ITS ATTACK ON COTONOU ON 16 JANUARY 1977,

1. TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MISSION AND EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED;
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2. STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ACT OF ARMED AGGRESSION PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN ON 16 JANUARY 1977;

3. REAFFIRMS ITS RESOLUTION 239 (1967) WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONDEMNS STATES WHICH PERSIST IN PERMITTING OR TOLERATING THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES, AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO THEM, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENTS OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST VIGILANCE AGAINST THE DANGER POSED BY INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES AND TO ENSURE THAT THEIR TERRITORY AND OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AS WELL AS THEIR NATIONALS, ARE NOT USED FOR THE PLANNING OF SUBVERSION AND RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND TRANSIT OF MERCENARIES DESIGNED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

5. FURTHER CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO CONSIDER TAKING NECESSARY

MEASURES TO PROHIBIT, UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC LAWS, THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND TRANSIT OF MERCENARIES ON THEIR TERRITORY AND OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR CONTROL;

6. CONDEMNS ALL FORMS OF EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF STATES;

7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN IN ASSESSING AND EVALUATING THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE MERCENARIES' ATTACK ON 16 JANUARY 1977, THUS ENABLING IT TO FORMULATE ITS CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION;

8. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN IN ORDER TO ENABLE IT TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND LOSSES INFLICTED DURING THE ATTACK; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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9. CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO PROVIDE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE IN CONNEXION WITH THE EVENTS IN COTONOU ON 16 JANUARY 1977 LIKELY TO THROW FURTHER LIGHT ON THOSE EVENTS;

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.

11. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THIS QUESTION.

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.
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